

WRITING ASSESSMENT  
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~~The graduated license~~ I'm sorry, but kids my age don't need lots of people in their cars! Most of us need to be alone with ~~the~~ virtually no other distractions to achieve the focus level needed to be a safe driver. We would be too encouraged to turn up our radios and act silly with several friends in our cars. And if the worst did happen and there was an accident, more people could be injured or even killed. I am ~~a~~ included in this graduated system, and believe me, it doesn't do anything help keep kids safe.

Teenagers have a tendency to let their minds wander. At 16, we have not been driving long enough to stay out late and jam lots of friends into our cars. We still need to focus on the driving basics, because even though we had a permit for a year, we also had a parent in the car with us. They warned us many times of going over the line and the light turning red. But now we're alone. It's time to get our own experience and having more than one friend in the car would only make it harder.

Who doesn't want to have fun when their friends are around? I know I do and I know that if I had several friends in the car

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with me I would be more encouraged to switch the radio stations and turn it up loud, wave at people at intersections instead of paying attention to the color of the light, and just act silly in general. Teenagers love to have fun, but there's a time a place for everything and a car is definitely not the best place.

However, the most important reason for having the graduated system and keeping a more than one person, other than family members, out of our cars is that if the worst happened, if there was a crash, who would be injured? Or even killed? Obviously there is a higher risk of more people being injured or killed with more people in the car. I would feel terrible knowing that I had played a part in one of my friends being paralyzed... or worse.

The graduated driver's license system is obviously a wonderful program. Teenagers need to be able to completely focus. Having lots of friends in the car would guarantee unsafe driving behavior. And most importantly if there was a crash more people could be hurt or killed. The graduated system is a great program!!!